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In re Application of:

John Bullock et al.

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For: SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR
MATCHING HUMAN RESOURCES TO
HUMAN RESOURCE NEEDS

Group Art Unit:

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PETITION TO RESET FILING DATE PURSUANT TO 37 CFR 1.10(e)

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Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Applicants hereby petition to reset the filing date of the above-identified patent application. A copy of the papers deposited by Express Mail on December 21, 2000 are enclosed herewith, along with a copy of the Express Mail label having an official notation of the "date in" of 12/21/2000 and proper postage paid. The papers were deposited personally by Stuart T. Langley at the Terminal Annex Post Office Station in Denver, CO. A return post card, although included in the envelope, was not returned. The Express Mail label number was included on the various contents of the envelope, including the patent application.

Upon failure to receive the return post card by about February, 2001 and repeated status checks, it became apparent that the filed papers had not been received by the USPTO. Per guidance from USPTO customer service, we continued to check status until about April, 2000 at which point the

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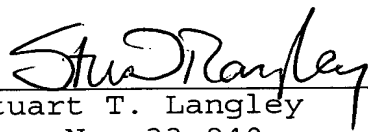
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USPTO recommended re-filing the application, and filing this petition to reset the filing date once the re-filed application had been assigned a serial number, and all parts required by the application, including signed declarations, were filed. Unexpected delays in obtaining the signatures of all inventors on the declaration papers have led to additional delay in filing this petition.

Consideration and grant of this petition is hereby requested.

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